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Group Art Unit:

For : SELF-ADHERING FRICTION
REDUCING LINER AND METHOD OF
USE

Examiner:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action, it is respectfully
requested that the following amendments be made.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following on Page 1, immediately after the
title:

a1 This application is a Divisional of United States Patent
Application No. 09/094,888, filed June 15, 1998 and claims the
benefit of priority of that application.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 2, Line 15
and ending at Page 2, line 25 with the following paragraph:

a2 This invention is primarily aimed at reducing and
preventing shear trauma from many repetitions of short duration
skin loadings, but eliminating shear tractions even in low
repetition, long-duration loadings is of value. Research shows that
even capillary blood flow is affected strongly by whether or not